

APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT**Declaration and Power of Attorney**

As a below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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the specification of which is attached hereto.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of said specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56.

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COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED
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